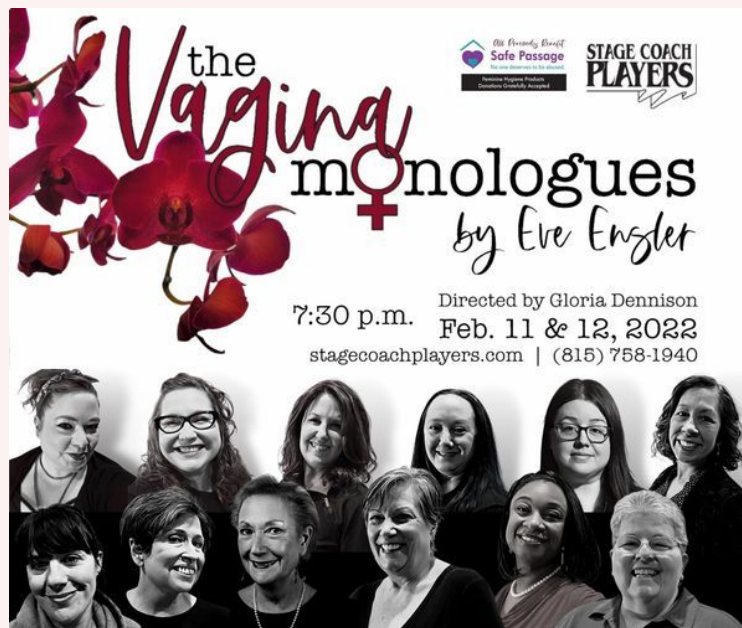


## Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates *February 2022*

### Feeling The Love



This past month, Safe Passage had the privilege of collaborating with local theatre, Stage Coach Players, to conduct V's (formerly known as Eve Ensler) The Vagina Monologues. Through interviews with survivors, V illustrates the feminine experience and how the stigmas of sexual assault play a factor. Sex work, rape, masturbation, birth, orgasm, and female genital mutilation—these topics, though taboo at one point, were all addressed in the monologues. It gave a sense of empowerment and realism to the feminine experience. The audience from both nights were moved through the cast's rawness and witty storytelling.

A special thank you to Stage Coach Players for collaborating and helping us raise money for the agency; We hope to work with you again in the future! All proceeds from the play, including the ticket sales, went to Safe Passage.

### Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

February is acknowledged for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Not only does Safe Passage offer services for adults, we also offer services to children and teens who have experienced and/or witnessed abuse. Abuse can happen to anyone— even those at a young age. For this reason, our Prevention Staff has been traveling to schools again around the local county to teach students how to identify both domestic abuse and sexual assault. These presentations go over what consent is and emphasize that students are in control of their bodies. From students as young as kindergarteners all the way to seniors in high school, our prevention staff educates them to not only prevent abuse for themselves but as well as recognizing and

proactively preventing it with their loved ones.

Presentations have been held both virtually as well as in-person in consideration of the pandemic.



## Virtual Legal Clinic (VLC)

The legal advocates at Safe Passage have begun utilizing the VLC to help clients. The VLC is a program within ICADV that helps domestic violence survivors. It provides members & clients free personalized information and advice about their legal rights from volunteer attorneys. This program will be held through a webcam platform; this will provide clients a convenient and safe way of obtaining their legal resources.

[Photo Source](#)

### *Upcoming Events:*

- Take Back The Night
  - Date TBD
  - more details coming soon
  
- Walk A Mile - 4/30
  - more details coming soon



## Wellness Within

Mental health is not only prioritized for our clients, but as well within staff. Safe Passage promotes taking care of one's mental health and even provides resources. Some of the recent resources that staff was offered this month were goodie bags filled with treats and other swag to de-stress, a scavenger hunt among the buildings, and a head-scratching riddle sheet! Though the pandemic prevents us from having as much in-person events as we'd like, it hasn't stopped Safe Passage from finding ways to bring us closer as a team!

[Photo Source](#)

## Interns & Volunteers

This recent month, Safe Passage was fortunate enough to have another group of interns and volunteers complete their training! They will be starting their on-site internship and volunteering in the next month. Most of them will be working with the SA and DV department, the residential program, as well as with the legal department. We cannot wait to have them on our team- we know they're going to be a great asset onto our team.

## Community Support

Another special shout out to the **Sycamore Rotaract Club** and the **NIU Juvenile & Family Law Association** for donating a generous amount to the agency. Your support does not go unnoticed– Thank you! We can't wait to work with you again in the future!



## Support Safe Passage



Our agency is continuously working towards expanding our resources/services. One of the ways we're doing so is by moving into a newer and bigger facility. With the help from our community and the generous donations, we're closer to reaching our goal of obtaining the newer and bigger facility. To find out more ways to support and help Safe Passage and our clients, click the link below.

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